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Gabriel Garcia Marquez, "astonished" on learning he had been awarded the 1982 Nobel Prize in literature, said Thursday he doesn't feel old enough to have won it.

In an interview at his home in the elegant Mexico City suburb of Pedregal, the 54-year-old Colombian writer praised Argentine writer Jorge Luis Borges, a perennial candidate for the Nobel Prize, and said he hoped the 83-year-old Borges will one day win the award.

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He fielded questions in a light-hearted, sometimes ironic tone, at one point asking reporters crowding around him if anyone present was from the CIA. "I'd be interested in knowing what the CIA thinks of my Nobel Prize," he said. Garcia Marquez is known for sympathizing with leftist political causes and is a friend of Cuban President Fidel Castro.

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